

REMARKS

Claims 59-118 are pending. Applicants hereby elect the embodiment of Group II (method claims 76-80 and 101-105) for further prosecution.

In addition, new claims 106-118 are method claims which depend from independent claim 76, either directly or indirectly.

Moreover, new claim 106 has been added which constitutes a means for practicing the process of claim 76, and therefore must be examined according to MPEP 806.05(e). In the event that means claim 106 is allowed, rejoinder of apparatus claims 59-75 and 81-100 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction since it was formed on the basis that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process, such as one that prints multicolor images on other types of articles such as cans, bottles, china wear, etc. However, independent claim 59 is directed to an apparatus for printing a multicolor composite image formed from at least two component images on a plurality of shaped pharmaceutical pieces each having at least one non-planar surface. In addition, claim 59 recites printing first and second component images on the shaped pharmaceutical pieces, and a transport surface to move the shaped pharmaceutical pieces, each of the shaped pharmaceutical pieces being removably positioned in a predetermined location temporarily fixed with respect to one of the transport recess portions in the transport surface. Accordingly, rejoinder and examination of claims 59-75 and 81-100 are respectfully requested.

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Prompt and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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